

US application number 10/604,863

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper responds to the Office Action dated August 6, 2007.

**Paragraphs 1 and 3.** In paragraph 1, the Examiner imposes an obviousness-type restriction requirement over the parent patent.

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed, thereby eliminating this ground of rejection.

**Paragraphs 4-8.** The Examiner rejects most of the pending claims as supposedly unpatentable over a published US patent application US 2003/0016684 to Prasad et al. ("Prasad").

It is noted that Prasad carries a filing date of July 23, 2001. The present application is entitled, under 35 USC section 120, to the benefit of a filing date of the parent patent application, namely November 12, 1999. This eliminates this ground of rejection.

**Conclusion.** All grounds for rejection having been eliminated, it appears to the undersigned that all claims should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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